

Food and Drug Administration
College Park, MD 20740

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Tom Nash
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Dept MR 6106
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Re: FOI Request No. 2013-5236

Dear Mr. Nash:

This is in response to your request of July 7, 2013, requesting all emails between the FDA and Coca Cola Co. and Pepsi Co. mentioning the chemical, 4-methylimidazole, in its products between 2009 to present. Your request was forwarded to the Office of Food Additive Safety in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

 X Enclosed are the records you requested.

 X Your request for a waiver of fees has been referred to the Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs for consideration.

X Certain material has been deleted from the records furnished to you because a preliminary review of the records indicated that the deleted information is not required to be publicly disclosed and that disclosure is not appropriate. FDA has taken this approach to facilitate the process of responding to you. If you dispute FDA's preliminary determination with respect to these records and would like FDA to reconsider any particular deletion, please let us know in writing at the following address: Division of Freedom of Information, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1050 Rockville, MD 20850 within 30 days from the date of this letter. If we do not receive a response in that time period, we will consider the matter closed with respect to these records. If you do request further consideration and if the agency then formally denies your request for any or all of the previously-withheld information, you will have the right to appeal that decision. Any letter of denial will explain how to make this appeal.

The following charges for this request to date may be included in a monthly invoice:

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THE ABOVE TOTAL MAY NOT REFLECT THE FINAL CHARGES FOR THIS REQUEST. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT** UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN INVOICE FOR THE TOTAL MONTHLY FEE.

Sincerely Yours,

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